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Dear Les:

We have received an official action in the above case and enclose herewith a photoprint copy of the same. You will note that the Committee apparently looks with some disfavor on our failure to submit example data. I think the likelihood of convincing them to change their mind is not too good at this point. In any event, further response can be filed not later than June 3, 1980 and I would appreciate having your instructions regarding response around May 15th.

truly yours,

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